

REMARKS

The applicants have carefully considered the Office action dated March 15, 2006 and the references it cites. By way of this Response, the specification has been amended to more fully recite the priority claim to the parent, grandparent and great-grandparent of this application. The intent to claim this priority has been evident throughout the prosecution of this application and no new matter is being added. In view of the following, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

As an initial matter, the applicants note that claims 28-32 stand allowed and are not discussed herein.

Turning to the art rejections, the Office action rejected claims 23-32 as being rendered obvious by Bartholomew et al., U.S. Patent 6,122,255, when considered in view of Wong, U.S. Patent 6,185,288. The applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Independent claim 23 recites a method of providing caller identification for calls placed over an internet comprising, among other things, routing a caller identification information over an advanced intelligent network. None of the cited art teaches or suggests such a method.

The Office action acknowledges that "Bartholomew fails to clearly teach the feature of routing a caller identification information over an advanced identification network to the terminating line." (Office action, Page 3). However, the Office action contends that Wong meets this feature and, thus, argues that claim 23 is met by the combination of Bartholomew and Wong. Applicants respectfully traverse this argument.

Wong does not teach or suggest routing a caller identification information over an advanced intelligent network to a terminating line as recited in claim 23. On the contrary, in every example given in Wong, the caller identification information is embedded in an electronic mail (E-mail) message and transferred over the Internet from a Calling Agent 114 to a Calling Agent 116. This can be seen by referring to the text of Wong:

The Calling Agent 114 is the entity which handles outgoing calls. The main functions of the Calling Agent 114 is to:

1. perform an E-mail address resolution from the called number or Internet address (fully resolved address or alias) requested by the caller;
2. create a unique reference identification for each outgoing call;
3. construct an E-mail to be sent to the Called Agent 116...

(Wong, Col. 8, lines 23-32). The Calling Agents interact with mail servers 180, 182 to "send E-mail from the Calling Agent 114 to the Called Agent 116" and vice versa. (Col. 6, lines 57-60). Thus, "call setup and call reply E-mail messages are used to perform call setup signaling..." (Col. 15, lines 65-67). These E-mails may include attachments to transfer additional information for the call setup. For example, the E-mail message described in the table bridging Columns 20 and 21 of Wong includes "an attachment which can be used as call ID information." Col. 21, lines 20-21 describes "a text attachment containing the text 'This is a call from C.K. Wong.'" Thus, it is clear that Wong contemplates forwarding caller identification information via E-mails.

Of course, the advanced intelligent network is used for SS7 signaling. It is not used for E-mail traffic and, thus, Wong does not contemplate sending caller identification information via the advanced intelligent network.

It is true, as the Office action points out, that Wong mentions the advanced intelligent network at Col. 22, lines 1-20. However, as a review of that passage in context will reveal, Wong's description is merely stating that information for the "call setup can be forwarded to the Calling Agent via a remote SCP query." (Col. 22, lines 1-2). However, the Calling Agent referred to here is the Calling Agent 114 (i.e., the Calling Agent 114 at the calling end of the phone call which sends the call setup E-mail). (See Col. 22, lines 17-20). Therefore, Wong contemplates using the advanced intelligent network to gather and forward information to the Calling Agent 114, not to forward caller identification information. As discussed above, the Calling Agent 114 creates an E-mail message containing the information received from the SCP of the advanced intelligent network and then forwards that E-mail message (which may contain caller identification information) to the Called Agent via the Internet. Therefore, the Calling Agent 114 does not forward caller identification information to the terminating line via the advanced intelligent network, but rather send this information through the Internet via an E-mail. As a result, there is no teaching or suggestion in Wong of transferring caller identification information through the advanced intelligent network.

This point is conclusively demonstrated by Wong's subsequent description of the "CALL SETUP WALKTHROUGH." In that description, Wong unmistakably states "The Calling Agent will then generate an outgoing E-mail message to the address described above. The E-mail message is then

delivered by the calling end mail server 180 to the called end mail server 182
over the Internet." (Col. 24, lines 50-54)(emphasis added).

From the foregoing, it can be seen that Wong in no way teaches or suggests transferring caller identification information through the advanced intelligent network to the terminating line. Since the Office action acknowledges that Bartholomew also fails to teach or suggest such a feature, the combination of Wong and Bartholomew likewise fails to meet the recitations of claim 23. Accordingly, claim 23 and all claims depending therefrom are in condition for allowance.

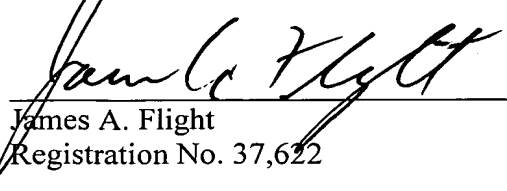
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner is of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number identified below.

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